

Great Village Historical Society Notes



Eileen Eaton, Donnie Frizzle with grandson Wyatt Rushton on his shoulders, and Garry Shears examine a tank of mature Arctic charr during the Great Village Historical Society's tour of the land-based fish farm. (Shears photo)



Logan Spencer, June Chisholm and Angus Chisholm recently planted flowers at the pergola site in Great Village. (Shears photo)

By Linda Shears

The Historical Society ended the season with a flurry of activity. The regular monthly meeting held on June 1 was attended by nine members. The business meeting was followed by the customary social time filled with yarns and historical trivia.

On Saturday, June 11, members of both the Historical Society and the Elizabeth

Bishop Society gathered to plant flowers at the pergola. The flowers were in place in time to greet the large busload of Elizabeth Bishop scholars from all over the world who arrived at noon to attend a symposium in St. James United Church.

The next panel for the pergola, based on information from the Currie map of 1889, is being proofread and prepared

for the graphics technician.

On June 14 the Historical Society visited the Glooscap Heritage Centre in Millbrook. Program director Gordon Pictou provided an enthusiastic and fascinating overview of the artifacts on display. Following lunch at the new Saltscapes Restaurant, which displayed interesting antique items as part of the décor, we proceeded to the nearby Nova Scotia Arctic Charr fish farm. Manager Mike Spencer gave us a tour of the facility containing 160,000 charr which began their lives as eggs in Whitehorse, Yukon. The high tech filtration system makes the facility an impressive, environmentally friendly operation with an end product which any sea food enthusiast would be happy to see on his plate.

After a summer recess, meetings will resume in the fall, on October 5 at 7:30 PM in the Legion Hall. If you have an interest in local history, please join us.

Great Village Garden Club News

By Linda Shears

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 24 at Faith Baptist Church. The plant sale held on May 14 was very successful, in spite of the difficulty gardeners had in digging the wet plants for the sale.

The "Welcome to Great Village" signs have been hung for the summer season. The club voted to sponsor a trophy for the Colchester County 4-H Exhibition Committee. There was discussion of various methods of controlling ear wigs, with guinea hens being one of the options.

Plans were made to plant flowers on the Cenotaph grounds on June 21. The annual outing will be on June 28 to the Glooscap Medicine Garden in Millbrook and then to supper at the Saltscapes

Restaurant.

The evening's program was home-made entertainment. A gardening quiz saw those with the most accurate answers get small prizes. Then there was a "show and tell" where members described small useful garden or household gadgets.

Members brought in a variety of items, including cedar jelly, a rum pot, curly willow branches, perennial plants and a "Red Green" cultivator which attached to an electric drill. To add the unexpected, a person could choose to nab someone else's prize rather than take one from the table when his or her name was drawn. There were lots of laughs and everyone went home with souvenirs of the evening.

Regular monthly meetings will resume on



President of the Great Village Garden Club, Patti Sharpe, shows off the gardening book which she won during the recent "Fun and Games" activity at the monthly meeting. (Giddens photo)

September 27. Until then, happy gardening!

"The Sun" Arrives in Colchester



By Aidan Norton

On May 26th, Dan Conlin, Curator of Marine History at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, loaned us a model schooner for

the "New Beginners" exhibit. The Sun was built circa 1758 and has the classic features of a mid to late 18th century schooner: bluff bows, square

topsails, and crew accommodation forward. It is typical of the New England coastal schooners which brought Planters to Nova Scotia.

This style of craft continued to be used by Nova Scotia traders, although the extreme tides of the Cobequid Bay restricted how far up the Bay this size of ship could travel. Vessels over 40 tons had to offload their cargo at Windsor or Little Dyke where goods were transferred to smaller ships.

The model was made by John Grover of Country Harbour, Guysborough County, in the early 19th century. Grover's father was the original owner of the Sun.

The schooner model will be on display at the Colchester Historical Society Museum, Truro, until the end of the year.

Aidan Norton is Curator – Administrator, Colchester Historical Society

Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

Our dog, Lucky has not been impressed with the weather lately. These thunder and lightening storms are freaking her out, as I imagine they are a lot of animals. Oh my, those poor people in Bass River, heard it on the news, that must have been very frightening when the lightning struck their Church.

Managed to watch and listen to the one before this one, and what an awesome sight that was. I can not ever remember seeing one that intense before and some people I spoke to said the same thing. Our weather is certainly keeping us on our toes.

Congratulations go out to Bob and Phyllis Fiddes of Lower Onslow on celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 17, 2011. Congrats to Jonathan and Teena MacInnes of Lower Onslow on the arrival of their baby boy weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. on May

24, 2011.

Condolences go out to Gayle (Doug) McLaren of Crowes Mills and the families on the loss of her sister Donna Patricia Rushton on June 5, 2011.

Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at the same time. There is card playing of 45's every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with

lunch and prizes provided. Everyone is welcome to come out for an enjoyable evening.

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Hard to believe that this year is almost half over already and school kids are finished for the summer. So please everyone enjoy your summer vacation but also be safe.

Have a great Canada Day.

Lawrence R. Nicoll

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We want to get this going again with some help from the community. The date will be the weekend of July 16 and 17. Saturday & Sunday.

As before the sale will start at Mingo's corner in Onslow and run through to Parrsboro!

This is a great opportunity for households to turn those unwanted items into useful cash and recycle instead to hauling them off to the balefill.

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